GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:184
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CONSTITUTION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION COUNCILS
Francis George Shri K.

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States have failed to constitute the State and District Consumer Protection Councils;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor indicating the States that have already set up the said Councils and those that are yet to constitute the said Councils; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure constitutions of the said Councils in all the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a):Yes, Sir.

(b):The details of constitution of State & District Consumer Protection Councils in States/UTs is given at Annexure. As regards the reasons for non-constitution of these Councils in respect of each State/UT, it is stated that in terms of section 7 & 8(A) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, the States/UTs have been empowered to establish the State and District Consumer Protection Councils. The States and UTs are constantly being pursued to set up councils, by this Department.

(c) :The Central Government has been pursuing with States and Union Territories to set up these Councils. This is being regularly done through written communications and in meetings of State Secretaries-in-charge of Consumer Affairs.